MINUTE ITEM

25. (TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS, SAN MIGUEL AND PRINCE ISLANDS, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND SAN NICHOLAS ISLAND, VENTURA COUNTY - W. O. 721.)

After presentation of Calendar Item 34 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THE ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO OPPOSE HOUSE RESOLUTION 8935, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, INSOFAR AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVE WOULD PRE-EMPT AREAS OF SUBMERGED LANDS FOR WHICH TITLE HAS AT ALL TIMES VESTED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OR AREAS OF SUBMERGED LANDS CLAIMED BY THE STATE.

Attachment
Calendar Item 34 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

MISCELLANFOUS

34.

(TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS, SAN MIGUEL AND PRINCE ISLANDS, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, SAN NICOLAS ISLAND, VENTURA COUNTY - W. O. 721.)

House Resolution 8935, introduced by Congressman Vinson on July 29, 1957, proposes to establish San Miguel Island and Prince Island (Santa Barbara County) and San Nicolas Island (Ventura County) as a naval petroleum reserve. The bill provides that the islands, including the submerged lands and all exposed areas surrounding the islands from the low-watermark seaward to the 100-fathom curve, except to the east of San Miguel Island where an arbitrary limit is designated, shall be established as a naval petrolcum reserve under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy. The submerged lands proposed for inclusion in the petroleum reserve have at all times been claimed by the State of California. These consist of the lands within three miles of the islands which have been conceded at all times by the U. S. Department of Justice to be under the jurisdiction of the State, and of those submerged lands in excess of three miles from the respective islands which are claimed by the State but title to which has been disputed by the United States in the action United States v. California.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO OPPOSE HOUSE RESOLUTION 8935, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, INSOFAR AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVE WOULD PRE-EMPT AREAS OF SUBMERGED LANDS FOR WHICH TITLE HAS AT ALL TIMES VESTED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OR AREAS OF SUBMERGED LANDS CLAIMED BY THE STATE.

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